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# ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF—

# TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATE LIBRARY





ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR,  
TOWN TREASURER,  
TOWN CLERK, ROAD AGENTS, SCHOOL BOARD,  
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, AND AUDITORS.  
OF THE  
TOWN OF CHESTER,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING, FEB. 15th, 1898,

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DERRY, N. H.:  
CHARLES BARTLETT,  
PRINTER,  
1898.



## TOWN WARRANT.

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[L. S.]      STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools ; for the maintenance of the poor ; for the laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges ; for paying the town debts and defraying interest thereon ; and for other necessary charges arising in said town.
3. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of librarian and defray running expenses of the library.
5. To see if the town will vote to build a new Town Hall and raise and appropriate money for the same.
6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate

a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, in addition to that required by law, to purchase books for the Free Public Library.

8. To see if the town will vote to exempt the Chester Dairy-ing Company's property from taxation for ten years.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1898.

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	} Selectmen of Chester.
OREN F. PAGE,	
CHARLES H. GREENE,	

A true copy of warrant. Attest :

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	} Selectmen of Chester.
OREN F. PAGE,	
CHARLES H. GREENE,	



## *TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1897.*

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MODERATOR—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

SELECTMEN—Charles H. Edwards, Oren F. Page, Charles H. Greene.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Charles H. Greene.

TOWN TREASURER—George S. West.

ROAD AGENT—George L. Fitz.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES—George L. Converse.

SCHOOL BOARD—John M. Webster, Sarah P. Webster, James G. Robertson.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER—James G. Robertson.

REPRESENTATIVE—Arthur H. Wilcomb.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES—Albert F. B. Edwards, Addison A. Bean, James G. Robertson.

CONSTABLES—Dwight M. Mitchell, Edwin P. Jones, Nathan W. Goldsmith.

SUPERVISORS—George L. Converse, Albert F. B. Edwards, Alonzo A. West.

AUDITORS—Cyrus F. Marston, Martin Mills, George D. Rand.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

### VALUATION.

Resident real estate,	.	.	\$258422 00
Non-resident real estate,	.	.	42718 00
No. polls, 216,	.	.	21600 00
Horses, 219,	.	.	10636 00
Oxen. 20,	.	.	845 00
Cows. 362,	.	.	8727 00
Other neat stock, 60,	.	.	997 00
Sheep, 59,	.	.	120 00
Carriages, 1,	.	.	70 00
Bank stock,	.	.	4983 00
Money at interest,	.	.	5675 00
Stock in trade,	.	.	5985 00
Mills, machinery, etc.,	.	.	3383 00
			—————\$364161 00

### APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	.	.	.	\$935 00
County tax,	.	.	.	1076 46
Town tax,	.	.	.	1000 00
Highway tax,	.	.	.	1000 00
School tax required by law,	.	.	.	935 00
Additional school money raised by tax,	.	.	.	300 00



Books for public library,	.	.	\$100 00	
Librarian's salary and running expenses,			50 00	
Memorial Day,	.	.	50 00	
School house repairs,	.	.	90 00	
Overlay,	.	.	102 27	
Tax omitted and added,	.	.	8 83	
			<hr/>	\$5647 56
Rate per cent. of taxation on \$100,	.			\$1 55

#### AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law,	.	.	\$935 00	
Additional amount raised by tax,	.	.	300 00	
Literary fund,	.	.	107 80	
Balance of dog license for 1896,	.	.	87 77	
			<hr/>	\$1430 57

The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

#### FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for labor and lumber on highways and bridges, and for Akron pipe, cement and freight on pipe, for drain on Derry road,	.	.	\$1414 83	
			<hr/>	\$1414 83

#### BREAKING ROADS.

1897.

Apr. 27, paid George S. West, Road Agent of 1896,	.	.	\$39 12	
Dec. 20, paid George S. West, Road Agent of 1896,	.	.	14 14	

1898.

Feb. 15, paid George S. West, Road Agent		
of 1896,	.	3 00
paid George L. Fitz, Road Agent		
of 1897,	.	356 86
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		\$413 12

## SCHOOL MONEY.

1897.

April 24, Paid James G. Robertson, Treas-		
urer of school district,	.	50 00
June 21, Paid James G. Robertson	.	150 00
" 26, " " "	.	400 00
Oct. 28, " " "	.	550 00
Dec. 22, " " "	.	280 57
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		\$1430 57

## SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1897.

April 24, Paid J. G. Robertson, Treas. of		
School Dist.,	.	90 00
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		\$90 00

## SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

1897.

April, 24, paid J. G. Robertson, treasurer		
of school district,	.	\$39 16
June 21, paid J. G. Robertson, treasurer		
of school district,	.	9 80
Oct. 28, paid J. G. Robertson, treasurer		
of school district,	.	27 70
Dec. 22, paid J. G. Robertson, treasurer		
of school district,	.	19 94

1898.

Feb. 15, paid J. G. Robertson, treasurer of school district, .	23 37	
	<hr/>	\$119 97

## PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1897.

April 24, paid E. C. Eastman, 1 tax col- lector book, .	1 20	
Nov. 16, paid Temple & Farrington, 2 record books, .	16 00	

1898.

Feb. 15, paid E. C. Eastman, 1 record book, .	2 50	
paid Charles Bartlett, for print- ing 500 town reports, printed March 3d, 1897, .	39 95	
21, paid George L. Converse, for tax bills for 1897, .	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$60 75

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN'S SERVICES AND RUNNING EX-  
PENSES.

1897.

Sept. 15, paid J. G. Robertson, trustee of public library, .	\$50 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

## PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS.

April 24, paid James G. Robertson, trustee of public library, .	\$100 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00



## JAN. 26, CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1898.

Jan. 26, paid Alonzo A. West for the following :

1897.

Feb. 12, Miss Harriett A. Hills,	.	\$2 00	
Mar. 26, Mrs. Hannah P. Brown,	.	2 00	
April 14, Martin L. Butterfield,	.	2 00	
May 19, Miss Laura E. Currier,	.	2 00	
21, Mrs. Caroline A. Nichols,	.	2 00	
June 28, Jason Spofford	.	2 00	
Oct. 27, Nathan Norton,	.	2 00	
28, Mrs. Caroline Norton,	.	2 00	
Nov. 28, Mrs. Lydia Haselton,	.	2 00	
Dec. 8, Mrs. Ruth Emery,	.	2 00	
Miss Angeline Weeks,	.	2 00	
19, Edmund Sleeper,,	.	2 00	
23, Miss Harriett A. Melvin,	.	2 00	
		<hr/>	\$26 00

## DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1897.

Aug. 7, Paid George L. Converse, or discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1st,	.	75 60	
		<hr/>	\$75 60

## COLLECTING TAXES.

1898.

Feb. 15, Paid Arthur H. Wilcomb on list of 1896	.	16 32	
Feb. 21, Paid George L. Converse on list of 1897,	.	42 00	
		<hr/>	\$58 32

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Jan. 22, Paid Frederick A. Morse heirs,		
wrong tax, . . . . .	1	55
Feb. 15, Paid A. H. Wilcomb on list of		
1896, as follows :		
William H. Bannan, left town,	1	35
James Knight, left town, . . .	1	35
John J. Dugan, left town. . .	1	35
Frank C. Brown, Jr., left town,	1	35
George E. Turner, left town,	1	62
Charles Woodward, unable,	1	35
Earnest Raymond, unable . . .	1	35
	<hr/>	\$11 27

## RETURNS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Feb. 15, Paid Cyrus F. Marston for 3		
births, . . . . .		75
Feb. 15, Paid Cyrus F. Marston for 1		
death, . . . . .		25
Feb. 17, Paid H. S. Baketel for 1 death,		25
Feb. 21, Paid Arthur L. Emerson for 7		
births, . . . . .	1	75
Feb. 21, Paid Arthur L. Emerson for 6		
deaths, . . . . .	1	50
Feb. 15, Paid James G. Robertson for 8		
marriages, . . . . .	2	00
	<hr/>	\$6 50

## PUBLIC WATERING TROUGHS.

Jan. 22, Paid Ebenezer Marden, furnish-		
ing trough in 1897, . . . . .	3	00
Feb. 15, Paid Charles F. True, for new		
pipe and work, . . . . .	1	00
	<hr/>	\$4 00

## CARE OF CEMETERY.

1897.			
Nov. 26,	Paid Robert H. Hazelton,	8 00	
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## MEMORIAL DAY.

May 28,	Paid Edward J. Robie,	50 00	
		-----	\$50 00

## DAMAGE DONE ON HIGHWAY.

1897.			
May 22,	Paid Samuel L. Marston,	15 00	
		-----	\$15 00

## DROWN CASE.

May 11,	Paid for witnesses,	44 98	
July 3,	Paid Samuel W. Emery, Coun- sel,	129 92	
Aug. 21,	Paid A. M. Trefethen, barge for jurors,	15 00	
Aug. 21,	Paid W. H. Thayer and Co., dinners for jurors,	9 00	
1898.			
Feb 17,	Paid C. H. Edwards, services and expenses,	21 86	
Feb. 21,	Paid Oren F. Page, services and expenses,	24 93	
		-----	\$245 69

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1897.			
May 17,	paid G. W. Southwick, fighting fire,	4 00	



July 3,	paid John T. Ramsay, interest on note,	20 00
Sept. 14,	paid A. H. Wilcomb for insuring town hall from Aug. 1st, '97, to Aug. 1st, 1898,	10 00
Dec. 1,	paid C. H. Edwards for sheet zinc and setting glass in town hall,	1 65
Dec. 1,	paid F. S. Pillsbury for glass for town hall,	1 50
Dec. 1,	paid W. Hodgdon, stove pipe, damper and collar for town hall,	1 55
Dec. 18,	paid E. P. Jones, services as dog killer,	6 00
Dec. 18,	paid E. P. Jones, police services July 3 and 4,	4 00
Dec. 18,	paid C. H. Edwards for putting out fire in sawdust heap on Silver hill road,	2 87
1898.		
Jan. 22,	paid H. N. West, painting and lettering sign boards,	1 50
Feb. 15,	paid J. W. Chase for putting out fire in sawdust heap on Silver hill road,	1 00
Feb. 15,	paid John M. Webster, George L. Converse, A. A. Bean, town hall committee ex- penses,	11 10
Feb. 15,	paid Nathan W. Goldsmith, po- lice services July 3rd and 4th,	2 00

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 \$67 17

## SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1898.

Feb. 15, paid James G. Robertson,	.	\$40 00	
paid Sarah P. Webster,	.	33 00	
paid John M. Webster,	.	27 00	
		<hr/>	\$100 00

## TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

Feb. 21, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	.	\$20 00	
		<hr/>	\$20 00

## TOWN TREASURER'S SERVICES.

Feb. 21, paid George S. West,	.	\$25 00	
		<hr/>	\$25 00

## TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SERVICES.

Feb. 15, paid James G. Robertson,	.	\$7 00	
		<hr/>	\$7 00

## ROAD AGENT'S SERVICES.

Oct. 20, paid George L. Fitz,	.	\$95 60	
Feb. 17, paid George L. Fitz,	.	6 00	
		<hr/>	\$101 60

## SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 17, paid Charles H. Edwards,	.	\$59 50	
21, paid Oren F. Page,	.	39 65	
19, paid Charles H. Greene,	.	34 00	
		<hr/>	\$133 15

## OVERSEER OF THE POOR'S SERVICES.

Feb. 19, paid Charles H. Greene,	.	\$22 75	
		<hr/>	\$22 75

## AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

Feb. 21, paid Cyrus F. Marston,	.	\$2 00	
paid Martin Mills,	.	2 00	
paid George D. Rand,	.	2 00	
		————	\$6 00

## SELECTMEN AND AUDITORS' EXPENSES.

Feb. 21, paid George L. Converse,	.	\$5 00	
		————	\$5 00

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,	}	Selectmen of Chester.
OREN F. PAGE,		
CHARLES H. GREENE,		

*NOTICE.*

All taxes assessed in the town of Chester for the year 1897, not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

GEORGE L. CONVERSE,

Collector.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 21, 1898.



# *Report of Charles H. Greene, Overseer of the Poor.*

## LUTHER W. MORSE.

Paid Mrs. Fanny West for board from Feb. 2, 1897 to Feb. 8, 1898,	\$108 00	
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## HIRAM S. DROWNS.

Paid Mattie E. Drowns for board from Feb. 15 to June 15, 1897,	42 50	
E. E. Lake, M. D., for professional services,	3 00	
Hiram S. Drowns, for clothing, etc.,	20 00	
Fred L. Drowns, for board from Oct. 18, 1897, to Feb. 14, 1898,	42 50	
G. R. Bennette, M. D., for profes- sional services,	4 85	
	<hr/>	\$112 85

## ELEAZER YOUNG.

Paid Alonzo A. West, as guardian,	25 00	
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## AID FURNISHED DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

## GEORGE F. SMALL.

Paid C. H. Greene for 4 cords of wood,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$14 00

## JAMES A. RAYMOND.

Paid G. H. Guptill, M. D., for profes-		
sional services, . . . . .	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 00

## TRANSIENT.

Paid E. P. Jones on E. T. Morse account		
for lodging 19 transients, . . . . .	19 00	
E. P. Jones for lodging 32 transients, . . . . .	24 00	
C. H. Greene for lodging 7 tran-		
sients, . . . . .	2 50	
C. Stevens for lodging 1 tran-		
sient, . . . . .	2 00	
Charles Edwards for lodging 2 tran-		
sients, . . . . .	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$48 50
Total amount for support of poor in		
town, . . . . .		<hr/>
		\$320 35

## COUNTY PAUPERS

## LOIS S. CURRIER AND CHILDREN.

Paid C. K. Emery for board of Lois S.		
Currier and children from Feb.		
16, 1897, to Feb. 15, 1898, . . . . .	\$130 00	
	<hr/>	\$130 00

## GEORGE THOMPSON.

Paid Webster Bros. for goods furnished, . . . . .	11 43	
William Johnson for house rent, . . . . .	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$16 43

## KERNELUMN J. WINSLOW.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for goods furnished,	\$6 60	
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## WILLARD PORTER.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for goods furnished from Jan. 31, to Feb. 15, 1898	\$4 28	
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## ELIJAH STOCKWELL.

Paid Mrs. Fanny West for board from Jan. 11, to Feb. 8, 1898,	\$6 00	
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Collected of Rockingham County and paid town treasurer,	\$135 53	\$163 31
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Balance due from county,	\$27 78	
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CHARLES H. GREENE, Overseer of the Poor.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
MARTIN MILLS,		
GEORGE D. RAND,		

Chester, N. H., Feb. 20, 1898.



## STATEMENT OF GEO. L. FITZ, ROAD AGENT.

FOR WORK DONE IN APRIL, 1897.

Paid A. J. Lane in districts Nos. 11, 12,	\$23 61	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 2,	37 32	
W. B. Smith, in district No. 1,	47 35	
	<hr/>	\$108 28

WORK DONE IN MAY.

Paid G. L. Fitz, in district No. 4,	\$21 01	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 7,	15 30	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 2,	21 70	
A. Owen, in district No. 15,	30 00	
W. B. Smith, in district No. 1,	46 14	
S. G. Healey, in district No. 5,	15 36	
C. Smith, in district No. 16,	33 44	
F. Warren, in districts Nos. 8, 17,	30 98	
A. J. Lane, in districts Nos. 11, 12,	25 38	
A. A. Bean, in district No. 3,	24 78	
Webster Bros., 10 lbs spikes,	40	
Dale Bros., 3127 ft. chesnut plank,	52 06	
	<hr/>	\$316 55

WORK DONE IN JUNE.

Paid George Cammett, in district No. 13,	\$32 33	
W. B. Smith, in district No. 1,	21 86	
A. J. Lane, in districts Nos. 11, 12,	27 81	
C. Smith, in district No. 16,	13 21	
Amos Sanborn, in district No. 10,	29 00	
S. G. Healey, in district No. 5,	36 63	
F. Warren, in districts Nos. 8, 17,	25 37	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 2,	41 49	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 6,	21 26	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 7,	21 25	
C. H. Edwards, in district No. 14,	25 46	
A. A. Bean, in district No. 3,	52 75	
	<hr/>	\$348 42

## WORK DONE IN SEPTEMBER.

Paid F. Warren, in district No. 17, four stringers,	\$8 00	
W. Kimball, in district No. 8, 41 loads of gravel,	2 05	
A. Owen, in district No. 15,	39 75	
W. B. Smith, in district No. 1,	27 44	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 4,	4 25	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 2,	7 37	
F. Warren, in districts Nos. 8, 17,	28 26	
Webster Bros., 19 lbs. of spikes,	76	
C. Smith, 135 ft. of plank,	2 03	
C. H. Greene, posts and rails, district No. 2,	6 10	
C. H. Edwards, in district No. 14,	8 00	
A. A. Bean, in district No. 3,	32 10	
S. G. Healey, in district No. 5,	2 50	
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		\$168 61

## WORK DONE IN OCTOBER.

Paid O. F. Page, in district No. 9,	\$40 27	
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		\$40 27

## WORK DONE IN NOVEMBER.

Paid A. J. Lane, in districts Nos. 11, 12,	\$5 88	
A. A. Bean, in district No. 3,	2 00	
W. B. Smith, in district No. 1,	10 66	
S. G. Healey, in district No. 5,	3 25	
Webster Bros., 9 lbs. of spikes,	36	
G. L. Fitz, in district No. 2,	2 25	
Amos Sanborn, in district No 10,	1 69	
Freight on cement,	75	
G. L. Fitz, drawing posts and rails,	2 25	
C. H. Greene, 25 chesnut posts,	1 25	
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		\$30 34

## WORK DONE IN DECEMBER.

Paid George Cammett, in district No. 13,	\$5 00	B.T.B]
W. Kimball, 10 poles,	2 00	
C. Smith, in district No. 16,	1 18	
O. F. Page, for stringer and labor in district No. 10,	5 68	
E. T. Morse, repairs on road machine,	75	
E. T. Morse, 19 strap irons for rail- ing,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 61
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		\$1028 08

## OTHER EXPENSES ON HIGHWAYS.

1897.

Dec. 20, paid Geo. S. West, road agent for 1896,	\$2 70	
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Dec. 1, paid W. B. Smith, for relaying bank wall in district No. 1,	\$13 00	
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## EXPENSE OF DRAIN ON DERRY ROAD.

Sept. 30, paid freight on Akron pipe to Derry,	\$75 82	
paid freight on Akron pipe from Derry,	22 30	
Oct. 20, paid G. L. Fitz, for work,	89 00	
Dec. 18, paid Annis Grain & Lumber Co., 5 casks cement,	12 25	
paid Pike and Heald, for Akron pipe,	171 68	
	<hr/>	\$371 05

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## THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

1897-1898.

To discount on taxes paid on or before August 1st.....	\$75 60
To cash paid for printing and stationery.....	60 75
To cash paid for improvements on highways and bridges.....	1030 78
To cash paid for breaking roads.....	413 12
To cash paid school district treasurer for schools.....	1430 57
To cash paid for school books and supplies.....	119 97
To cash paid for abatement of taxes.....	11 27
To cash paid for Memorial day expenses.....	50 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes.....	58 32
To cash paid for public watering troughs.....	4 00
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse.....	26 00
To cash paid for county tax.....	1076 46
To cash paid for state tax.....	935 00
To cash paid for care of cemetery.....	8 00
To cash paid for returns of births, marriages and deaths.....	6 50
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills.....	67 17
To cash paid for treasurer's salary.....	25 00
To cash paid for school boards services and expenses.....	100 00
To cash paid for clerk's services and expdeses.....	20 00
To cash paid for selectmens services and expenses.....	133 15
To cash paid for overseer of the poor, services and expenses.....	22 75
To cash paid Geo. D. Rand, note and interest.....	71 88
To cash paid for auditor's services.....	6 00
To cash paid for selectmen and auditor's expenses.....	5 00
To cash paid for support of the poor.....	457 66
To cash paid to aid dependent soldiers.....	26 00
To cash paid for public library books.....	100 00
To cash paid for school district treasurer's services.....	7 00
To cash paid for school house repairs.....	90 00
To cash paid for road agents services and expenses.....	101 60
To cash paid Webster Bros, note and interest.....	201 00
To cash paid for damage on highway.....	15 00
To cash paid for expense of Drown case.....	245 69
To cash paid for relaying bank wall near W. B. Smith's.....	13 00
To cash paid for Akron pipe and labor on Derry road.....	371 05
To cash paid Augustus P. Morse, note and interest.....	535 08
To cash paid for librarian's services, and other expenses.....	50 00
Balance in the hands of the treasurer.....	222 72

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## • GEORGE S. WEST, TOWN TREASURER.

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1897-98.

		By cash in the Treasury Feb. 20, 1897.....	\$3 00
March		By cash of A. H. Wilcomb on tax list of '96.....	320 00
April		By cash of A. H. Wilcomb on tax list of '96.....	600 00
		By cash paid Mrs. Jane K. West for peddlers license.....	2 00
May		By cash of A. H. Wilcomb on tax list of '96.....	100 00
June		By cash of Geo. L. Converse on tax list of '97.....	280 27
	29	By cash hired of C. H. Greene.....	250 00
July	3	By cash hired of C. H. Greene.....	250 00
		By cash of G. L. Converse on tax list of '97.....	1982 40
Aug.		By cash of G. L. Converse on tax list of '97.....	298 21
		By cash for peddlers license.....	1 00
Sept.		By cash of Geo. L. Converse on tax list of '97.....	230 00
Oct.	6	By cash of county for support of the poor.....	100 53
Nov.		By cash of Geo. L. Converse on tax list of '97.....	685 00
	11	By cash hired of Webster Bros.....	200 00
		By cash of J. G. Robertson for lumber.....	2 60
	15	By cash for notes and interest against Drown's.....	586 44
June	14	By cash of town clerk for dog license.....	152 27

1898.

Jan.		By cash of Geo. L. Converse on tax list of '97.....	360 00
	18	By cash of county for support of poor.....	35 00
		By cash of state railroad tax.....	50 74
		By cash of state savings bank tax.....	963 54
		By cash of state literary fund.....	100 44
Feb.		By cash of Geo. L. Converse on tax list of '97.....	485 23
		By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, bal. of tax list of '96.....	111 29
		By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, interest on tax of '96.....	20 78
		By cash of F. C. Brown for use of town hall.....	20 85
		By cash of C. H. Edwards for cement sold.....	1 50

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN, FEBRUARY 20, 1898.

Note due John T. Ramsey, with interest		
at 4 per cent.,	.	\$513 33
Note due Webster Bros., with interest at		
4 per cent.,	.	416 19
Note due C. H. Greene, with interest at 4		
per cent.,	.	256 42
Note due C. H. Grene, with interest at 4		
per cent.,	.	256 33
Amount of Pressey Legacy,	.	200 00
Balance due Hiram S. Brown,	.	258 36
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		\$1900 63

## ASSETS.

Balance due on tax list of 1897,	.	\$1327 35	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	.	222 72	
		<hr/>	\$1550 07
Balance against the town,	.		<hr/>
			\$350 56

GEORGE S. WFST, Treasurer.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 21, 1898.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George S. West, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
MARTIN MILLS,		
GEORGE D. RAND,		

## FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Librarian has furnished some facts of interest concerning the Library, among which are the following :

Books added to the Library in 1897, including encyclopedia (8 vols.),	79
Number of books taken out during the year,	5850
Number of books taken out during 1896,	4800
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Increase over 1896,	1050
Largest number taken out in one day,	111
Smallest number,	14
Percentage of fiction read,	82 per cent
Percentage of non-fiction,	18 per cent
Cards issued to new patrons,	60

An effort has been made to place a catalogue in each school, and teachers are encouraged to draw books from the library, which throw light upon the subjects they teach. Cards are issued to each school, and four books may be taken at one time when desired.

Money received in fines in 1897,	\$4 88
Balance from 1896,	4 45
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	\$9 33
Expended for books and needed supplies,	\$6 56
Cash in Librarian's hands to balance,	2 77
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	\$9 33

Books have been given by George Stevens, Mrs. Josephine Corning, Mrs. Flora Woodard, Miss Sarah L. Merrill, Mrs. Swan, Miss L. E. Hapenny of Boston, Miss Jennie H. Thayer of Boston, Miss F. H. Williams of Salem, N. Y., Mrs. Caroline Underhill, C. J. Wilcomb, Bernard Christopher, J. G. Robertson and Francis E. Robie.

The most valuable work added to the library during the past year is Johnson's Encyclopedia, which stands fairly at the head of American Encyclopedias. Persons wishing to increase their store of information on almost any topic will find these volumes to be an invaluable aid. The longer articles were written by specialists, and are thoroughly up to date.

A library cannot be said to be on a good foundation until it has a good set of books of reference and a catalogue of all the books belonging to it. We are now supplied with both of these useful things, and both will be useful for years to come.

Thirty-seven volumes have been rebound, and are in much better condition so far as the binding is concerned than when they were new. "The Youth's Companion," owing to some person's generosity, is now to be found in the library, and is a welcome addition.

It is good to know that the library is being so well patronized, but it would be still more gratifying if more use were made of the excellent volumes of history, biography and travel, which the library contains, to say nothing of special works, valuable to the farmer, and of interest to all who have a scientific turn of mind. It is admitted by thinking people that the sort of literature referred to is better adapted to the formation of right habits of thought and conduct than novels.

The library should be one of the educational forces in the community, and, while it furnishes entertainment to many, its purpose is to instruct as well as to amuse. It is a bad sign when the



reading public confines itself almost wholly to fiction. This is not saying that one receives no benefit from reading a good novel occasionally ; the harm arises from reading nothing but novels to the neglect of more solid works which stimulate thought, and become "like iron in the blood."

The town has always been ready to give the library its hearty support, and it is hoped that the same wise policy may be adhered to in making appropriations for the coming year.

ALBERT F. B. EDWARDS,	}	Trustees of Free Public Library.
A. A. BEAN,		
JAS. G. ROBERTSON,		

#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on hand, March, 1897,	.	\$11 18	
Received from town,	.	150 00	
from Library entertainment,	.	14 23	
for advertisements in new catalogues,	.	23 00	
from sale of catalogues,	.	3 80	
from Mark Sanborn,	.	50	
			\$202 71

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid R. H. White & Co., books,	.	\$3 27
A. H. Wilcomb, insurance,	.	9 75
A. L. Cadwell, Johnson's Encyclopedia,	.	43 00
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	.	37 12
Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	.	2 96
Kasson & Palmer, periodicals,	.	12 50
Lizzie F. Hooke, one book,	.	84
Charles Bartlett, catalogues,	.	51 35

Miss I. H. Fitz, Librarian's salary,	20 00	
F. J. Barnard & Co., books rebound,	9 39	
Webster Bros., oil,	50	
Expense of purchasing books,	2 00	
Express,	1 70	
Cash on hand to bal. acct.,	8 33	
	<hr/>	\$202 71

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

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CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 21, 1898.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Free Public Library, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, }  
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.  
GEORGE D. RAND, }

## SCHOOL WARRANT.

[L. S.]      STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,  
ROCKINGHAM, SS.

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester School District, qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, Saturday, the twelfth day of March, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of schools, in addition to that required by law.
7. To see what the district will do in regard to repairing, furnishing and improving school buildings, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.
8. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester, this twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1898.

JOHN M. WEBSTER,	}	School Board of Chester.
SARAH P. WEBSTER,		
JAS. G. ROBERTSON,		

A true copy. Attest:

JOHN M. WEBSTER,	}	School Board of Chester.
SARAH P. WEBSTER,		
JAS. G. ROBERTSON,		

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

### SCHOOL NO. 1, FIRST DIVISION.

With the exception of one term, Miss Galloupe has taught this school three successive years. Her ways of discipline and methods of instruction are among the best. She guides with a firm and steady hand. While aiming to teach her pupils arithmetic, she tries to have them think for themselves. If they are reciting a language lesson it is made practical; and lessons in geography and history are so varied as to prevent monotony, or the acquiring of impressions that all there is to be known on a given subject is found in one book.

### SECOND DIVISION.

This school has been under Miss Hazelton's care six years. For which reason the children know, from their first entrance into the school room, that they are there for a purpose. The teacher tries to make all other things secondary to school work, and the children follow her example. Good order, wisely chosen, well committed pieces and prompt recitations, may be counted on at the close of each term.

### NO. 2.

The summer term completed, the second year of Miss Sleeper's work where she won the respect of parents and good will of the children. Her career, as a teacher of eighteen years' experience, is well and favorably known; and many will be the regrets that she is soon to retire from the field.



Miss Anderson, another teacher of long experience and a great enthusiast in school work, was employed for the fall term. She labored eight weeks with untiring faithfulness for the benefit of her pupils, and then informed the board that, on account of her sister's illness, she must resign.

Miss Piper, a graduate of Coe's Academy, Class of '94, took the vacant place and tried in her quiet way to do all she could the remaining seven weeks.

#### NO. 3.

This school opened under the instruction of Mrs. Lizzie S. Hooke, who has taught in town nearly every term for thirty years, with no apparent abatement of zeal, energy and loving interest in every individual member of her school. At the close of the summer term she resigned and Miss Sleeper was appointed to fill the vacancy, but she was obliged to leave at the end of ten weeks to care for her father, and Miss Carrie E. Foss, a graduate of Sandborn Seminary, Class of 95, with two years' experience in the largest school in Sandown, was chosen for her successor. Miss Foss is a teacher who is willing to insist on good order and fair recitations, well knowing that very little real progress can be expected under any other circumstances.

#### NO. 5.

Miss McKean taught her fourth term in the summer, and had the pleasure of hearing a visitor say examination day that she had not heard a word of fault found. Her return in the fall would have been gladly welcomed, but she was drawn elsewhere by a higher salary, and Miss Etta S. Chase taught the other two terms. At an impromptu examination near the close of the winter term, the children made very creditable recitations. Miss Chase evidently believes in putting things into their heads rather than into note-books.

Miss Morse's thorough work during a four years' course at Pinkerton Academy make her eminently qualified for higher positions than the two she has had in this town. Besides excellent work in the usual round of classes, some very interesting general exercises were presented at the close of the fall term. It is always desirable to have enough of such things to spice the regular routine of each day.

The past year Miss Follansbee has put her Normal School training to good practical use. She works with a will, inspiring the children to do likewise. Examinations showed very commendable progress in different lines of study, singing included, to say nothing of what they have done to beautify the school room and grounds.

#### GENERAL REMARKS.

We wish to say a few words to parents in regard to the duties they owe the cause of education and their children.

To parents belong the responsibility of sending children to school, seeing that they are there in season, and remain there during school hours.

Order, obedience and regularity should first be taught at home; then children should be sent to school with instructions to obey the teacher's rules and support her in every possible way. It is a fact, universally admitted, that children who receive proper and judicious training from their parents require little punishment and correction from teachers, while if an opposite course is pursued and children are upheld in disobeying the teacher, the result is more or less trouble for all concerned.

It is of the utmost importance that boys and girls learn right from wrong, truth from falsehood and loyalty from rebellion.

With a few parents we fear discipline is more beautiful in theory than in practice ; some do not tolerate the correction of children at school as they should. How apparently ready they often are to believe some idle report, without any knowledge or investigation in regard to the facts of the case.

Visits of parents to our schools are less frequent than they ought to be to have a fair understanding of the work that is being done. There is some danger of their being mistaken as to the conduct of children abroad, even if they do mind and do well at home ; whenever they do the same at school it is a great help to the teacher, especially if they happen to be among the larger pupils ; but, on the other hand, if they think they have some governing power and undertake to influence and run the school, the best results cannot be expected.

A few parents have taken their children from school the past year for some trifling correction, and others, without any cause whatever known to the committee, have done the same, and thus deprived them of their schooling. There have been instances when parents have expressed their dislike to the teacher in presence of children before said teacher entered upon her duties. Such things would seldom occur if parents and teachers were better acquainted.

The chief object of our schools is to prepare boys and girls for the duties of citizenship. In a government by the people it is necessary that each citizen should be able to do his own thinking. Seeing that we have no king to manage our public affairs it is essential that each voter should have the intelligence of a king and even a larger stock of moral fibre than some kings have had.

Therefore our fathers established the system of common schools. They purposed that even in remote country districts

each child might be taught to read, and so gain access to the histories of other nations. By comparing these with the history of his own country he would learn, not only where our government is strong, but where our weakness lies and the remedy for the same. The ability on the part of each child to read the Scriptures for himself would be still another consideration having weight with the founders of our common schools.

Moreover children are taught to write in our schools that they may know how to express their thoughts to those with whom they have not the opportunity to speak. They are taught how to arrange words and sentences in an orderly way, so as to be readily understood. They learn, also, something about the earth we inhabit, and as much of mathematics as they are likely to need in business transactions. Thus a foundation is laid for self culture in case the child desires to excel.

Now this growth in intelligence is supposed to be the *main* reason why a child is sent to school, but it is not so. For unless a pupil has something besides intelligence, unless he leaves school with good morals combined with his sharpened wits, the more of a scoundrel he will be. So along with instruction in the rudiments of learning the child is taught obedience and self control. He is taught that a lie is *wrong*. He is taught to use the divine Name with reverence, and it is not difficult to perceive that unless a child is taught these things he cannot be a good citizen. More than this the child must learn to act with regard to his teacher and school-mates, doing always unto them as he would be done by were he in their place. It is true that much depends upon the teacher, for, as a great thinker has said, "the noblest influence on earth is that exerted on character." Here is the teachers' wonderful opportunity: each boy and girl is to have power after school days are over, and it devolves to a very considerable extent upon the teacher to see that this power throughout all the future shall be directed in a wise

and intelligent manner. The moral success or failure of those pupils in no small measure depends upon her. Therefore she deserves two things: First, the profound sympathy of the community in which she is at work, and, second, a more liberal support financially than she is accustomed to receive. For having spent money and time in getting an education, and in consideration of the vast responsibility resting upon her, she ought to receive as much, at any rate, as she could do, if she were employed in a shoe shop or cotton mill.

JOHN M. WEBSTER,	} School Board of Chester.
SARAH P. WEBSTER.	
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,	

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## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

### SCHOOL NO. 1. FIRST DIVISION.

Grace M. Gile*	Helen G. Healey†
Rachel Mackintosh*	Ella Flanders
Lilla Morse	Bessie Wray†
Cora E. Hill	August Neily
Harris West	

### SCHOOL NO. 1, SECOND DIVISION.

Marion C. Webster*	Lena L. Webster*
Ruth N. Webster*	Lillie S. Mackintosh*
Bertie F. Gile*	Laura R. Lane†
Elsie M. Shackford†	Ethel Mackintosh†
Irwin Shackford	Sherburne E. Hazelton
Earle Hazelton	



## SCHOOL NO. 2.

Ethel M. Greene*	Carrie A. Underhill
Holly A. Purinton*	Mildred M. Fitz
Roy W. Purinton*	Charles Underhill
Howard B. Fitz†	J. Frank Couch

## SCHOOL NO. 3.

Helen M. Edwards*	Maud R. Rand
Lula M. Rand	Lena M. Rand
Addie Southwick	John R. Brown
Walter S. Brown	Roger P. Edwards†
Howard Edwards†	Sumner Edwards†
Harry Edwards†	Joseph Edwards†
Harry Bryant†	Robert Bryant†

George E. Rand

## SCHOOLS NOS. 5 AND 10

Perley Hazelton†	Minnie Hazelton†
Alice Maxwell	Roy Weeks
Arthur S. Tarleton†	Elmer A. Allen

## SCHOOL NO. 6.

Alice M. Dolbert†	Alice L. Marden
Hazel I. Stowe*	Ella M. Barnard

Eddie C. True

## SCHOOL NO. 7.

Charles O. Bursiel*	Frankie Warren*
George C. Woodard†	Herbert C. Woodard
*Laura E. Woodard*	Emma J. Dorr*
Edna S. Jack	Sewall F. Tenney

†Indicates perfect attendance two terms.

\*Indicates perfect attendance three terms.

## EXPENDITURES.

## PAID FOR TEACHING.

1897.

June 24,	Anna W. McKean,	.	.	\$66 00
25,	Cora B. Follansbee,	.	.	66 00
30,	Lizzie S. Hooke,	.	.	84 00
July 1,	Annette Morse,	.	.	72 00
	Carrie B. Haselton,	.	.	84 00
	Nellie B. Sleeper,	.	.	72 00
	Helen N. Galloupe,	.	.	90 00
Oct. 29,	Carrie F. Anderson,	.	.	48 00
Nov. 11,	Helen N. Galloupe,	.	.	75 00
12,	Carrie B. Hazelton,	.	.	70 00
	Etta S. Chase,	.	.	66 00
	Nellie B. Sleeper,	.	.	70 00
19,	Annette Morse,	.	.	66 00
	Cora B. Follansbee,	.	.	72 00
Dec. 23,	Annette Morse,	.	.	24 00
	Cora B. Follansbee,	.	.	24 00
28,	Etta S. Chase,	.	.	30 00
30,	Carrie E. Foss,	.	.	35 00
31,	Helen N. Galloupe,	.	.	37 50
	Carrie B. Hazelton,	.	.	35 00
Jan. 14,	Edith D. Piper,	.	.	42 00
—————				\$1228 50

## PAID FOR CONVEYING PUPILS.

Mrs. K. F. Hopkins,	.	.	\$13 50
Charles F. True,	.	.	46 00
Luther B. Lane,	.	.	8 00
		— — —	\$67 50

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Mrs. M. F. West,	.	.	\$10 00
Mrs. A. M. Wakefield,	.	.	2 00
Mrs. Geo. Whittemore,	.	.	2 50
Mrs. I. M. Maxwell,	.	.	75
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			\$15 25

## JANITOR'S SERVICES.

Paid Roger Edwards,	.	.	\$1 25
August B. Neily,	.	.	2 00
E. A. Towle,	.	.	1 00
Roy W. Purinton,	.	.	1 75
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			\$6 00

## FUEL ACCOUNT.

Paid Cyrus E. Roberts,	.	.	\$0 75
Edward West,	.	.	1 25
Austin Owen,	.	.	2 00
J. G. Robertson,	.	.	1 00
George L. Fitz,	.	.	4 00
E. E. Gifford,	.	.	4 18
Matt. C. Wakefield,	.	.	1 75
Charles F. True,	.	.	2 00
George W. Weeks,	.	.	3 75
Garland Smith,	.	.	1 82
O. F. Page,	.	.	1 25
Augustus P. Morse,	.	.	6 00
C. H. Greene,	.	.	13 13
W. P. W. Whittemore,	.	.	8 00
Dale Bros.,	.	.	10 00
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			\$60 88

## REPAIRS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid George W. Southwick,	.	.	\$2 25	
Charles A. Nichols,	.	.	33 40	
F. L. Hazelton,	.	.	1 00	
Frank Shackford,	.	.	1 50	
Charles A. Hoitt,	.	.	1 00	
Mark Sanborn,	.	.	50	
Ladies' Library Association,	.	.	2 50	
Webster Bros.,	.	.	52 33	
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				\$94 48

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid E. E. Babb & Co,	.	.	\$63 74	
American Book Co.,	.	.	7 93	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	.	.	2 85	
Charles A. Hoitt & Co.,	.	.	1 15	
Charles Bartlett,	.	.	1 25	
American Humane Society,	.	.	60	
University Publishing Co.,	.	.	1 73	
Ginn & Co.,	.	.	3 00	
E. R. Coburn,	.	.	1 17	
Rand McNally & Co.,	.	.	13 18	
Webster Bros.,	.	.	12 36	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	.	.	7 61	
Express,	.	.	4 40	
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				\$120 97

## CREDIT.

Received of Town of Chester,	.	.	\$119 97	
Received for books sold,	.	.	1 00	
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				\$120 97

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 21, 1898.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board for the past year, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	} Auditors of Chester.
MARTIN MILLS,	
GEORGE D. RAND,	

### SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$	07	
Cash from Town Treasurer,	.	.		1430	57
Cash from school district of Derry, tuition,				8	10
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					\$1438 74

#### EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teacher's salaries,	.	.	\$	1228	50	
for conveyance of pupils,	.	.		67	50	
for fuel,	.	.		60	88	
for janitor service,	.	.		6	00	
miscellaneous bills,	.	.		15	25	
					<hr/>	\$1378 13
Cash in treasurer's hands to balance,						60 61
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						\$1438 74

#### EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Paid for repairs,	.	.	\$	94	48	
Cash in hands of treasurer to balance,	.	.		7	88	
					<hr/>	\$102 36



RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	.	.	\$12 36	
Cash received from Town Treasurer,	.	.	90 00	
			-----	\$102 36

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. G. ROBERTSON,  
District Treasurer.

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CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 21, 1898.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of James G. Robertson, Treasurer of the School District of the Town of Chester, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,	}	Auditors.
MARTIN MILLS,		
GEORGE D. RAND,		

# SCHOOL TABLE

No. of School	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	No. of Pupils in														
				Whole No. of Pupils	Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music	Physiology	Book-keeping	Algebra	
1	Spring ...	Miss Helen N. Galloupe ...	12	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	15	23			23	8	5	3
1 div.	Fall . . . .		10	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	8	24				24		1
	Winter ..		5	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	11	21				21		
1	Spring ...	Miss Carrie B. Hazelton...	12	24	24	24	17	24	11	2	6	2				24		
2 div.	Fall . . . .		10	24	24	24	24	20	9	7						24		
	Winter ..		5	21	21	21	20	21	9	5						21		
2	Spring ...	Miss Nellie B. Sleeper.....	12	16	16	16	16	15	8	9	3			14		7		
	Fall . . . .	Miss Carrie F. Anderson...	8	15	15	15	15	15	13	13	4	4			15			
	Winter ..	Miss Edith D. Piper.....	7	13	13	13	13	13	12	11	4	5	13	13				
3	Spring ...	Mrs. Lizzie S. Hooke.....	12	26	26	26	23	23	23	11	14					6		2.
	Fall . . . .	Miss Nellie B. Sleeper.....	10	29	29	29	29	23	23	15	6						1	
	Winter ..	Miss Carrie E. Foss.....	5	23	23	23	23	19	20	11								
5	Spring ...	Miss Anna W. McKean....	11	14	14	14	14	13	10	6					14	6		
10	Fall . . . .	Miss Etta S. Chase.....	11	15	15	15	15	15	10	10					15			
6	Winter ..		5	11	11	11	11	11	7	7						1		
	Spring...	Miss Annette Morse.....	12	12	12	12	11	10	12	6	1					5	3	
	Fall . . . .		11	19	19	19	19	14	16	7	2						3	
7	Winter ..		4	11	11	11	11	11	11	5	6							L
	Spring ...	Miss Cora B. Follansbee...	11	13	13	13	13	12	13	7	4	7	7			7	3	
	Fall . . . .		12	13	13	13	12	13	8	8	11	10	6	13	4	4	3	
	Winter..		4	9	9	9	9	9	5	7	9	7	6	9	3	3		

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS,  
1897.



# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING Dec. 31, 1897.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom Married.
June 23	Chester....	James E. McCannon... and Linda D. Chase.....	Chester .....	34 31	White	Motor- man E R	Salem, Mass. Chester .....	Thomas McCannon..... Matilda Fanning..... Joseph W. Chase..... Mary P. Edwards.....	1 1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
29	Kingston...	James W. Towle..... and Valeria A. Smith .....	Chester..... " .....	46 39		Black- smith ..	" .. Harrison, Me.	James Towle..... Lucinda T. York..... Henry W. Lewis..... Elizabeth W. Jordan.....	2 2	William F. Warren, Cong. Minister, Kingston.
July 29	Chester .....	Charles G. Healey..... and Mabel Brown.....	" .. Fremont .....	24 19		Laborer..	Chester .....	Samuel G. Healey .....	1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
Sept. 11	Raymond...	Frank Parker..... and Cora Andrews.....	Chester .....	23 18		Teaming.	Auburn .....	Melissa Pace..... Alvin F. Brown..... Sarah P. Brickett..... William Parker.....	1	Albert H. Thompson, Cong. Minister, Raymond.
Oct. 20	Chester...	Charles T. Wells..... and A. Clara Leighton .....	" .. " ..	23 17		Shoe- maker.	Chester..... Sandown ..	George W. French..... Ella B. Stickney..... Clement H. Wells..... Martha L. Moore.....	2 1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.
Nov. 6	"	Allen J. Graves..... and Sylvia I. West .....	North Ando- ver, Mass.. Chester.....	31 18		Milk dealer..	Sussex, N. B. Chester ..	Frank E. Walton..... Josie E. Walton..... Peter H. Graves..... Sarah Ann Gray .....	1 1	John N. Bradford, Meth. Minister, Auburn.
Nov. 23	"	Walter H. Nickerson .. and Susie J. Wason.....	Melrose, Mass 28 Chester .....	28 26		Sail- maker..	San Francisco Cal .. Chester ..	Jane Kelley..... Lemuel Nickerson..... Francis E. Smith..... John Wason..... Lavina J. Dolbert.....	1 1	James G. Robertson, Clergyman, Chester.



# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING Dec. 31, 1897.

Date of birth	Place of birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex & Con		Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
			Male or Female	No. of Child. (Living or Stillb.)						
Jan. 4	Chester.		m	1	William H. Spear.	Mildred L. Chandler.	Montpelier, Vt.	Northfield, Vt.	29	27
April 16	"	Helen Dorothy.	f	6	George Mark Infuso.	Marilla Dummell.	Canton, Mass.	Buxton Centre, Me.	41	41
April 21	"	Ellsworth.	m	4	Oliver R. Edwards.	Fannie M. Taber.	Chester.	Hampstead.	30	29
May 13	"	Edna Estelle.	f	3	Frank T. Smith.	Ria L. Brown.	Chester.	New Bedford, Mass.	25	20
May 18	"		m	3	Charles A. Nichols.	Caroline A. Chase.	Bradford, Mass.	Chester.	41	38
June 30	"	Gladys Irene	f	1	Samuel S. Warren.	Opelia A. Stowe.	Chateaugay, N. Y.	Moore, N. Y.	48	38
July 27	"	Clarence Edgar.	m	3	Thomas A. Parker.	Ella A. Regan.	Nova Scotia	Ireland.	30	31
Aug. 21	"	Orrin L.	m	2	Edgar E. Guilford.	Carrie R. Sweet.	Grafton, Mass.	Derry.	43	17
Aug. 28	"	Miller Wallace.	m	3	Herbert L. Chase.	Harriet L. Preston.	Chester.	Auburn.	33	29
Sept. 7	"		m	3	Wallace L. Kimball.	Louisa F. Johnson.	Chester.	Kingsford.	23	22
Sept. 26	"		f	3	Lee W. Davidson.	Della A. Paige.	Nova Scotia.	Salisbury.	24	24
Oct. 19	"	Eveline May.	f	3	George A. Cannett.	Annie E. Averill.	Chester.	Lynn, Mass.	42	40
Dec. 26	"		m	2	Frank S. Allen.	Eva A. Lougee.	Cheshire, Vt.	No. Tunbridge, Vt.	42	24
May 20	"	Helen Abbie.	f	4	Leon B. Richardson.	Clara A. Dunlap.	Chester.	Chester.	39	33

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER FOR THE YEAR ENDING Dec. 31, 1897.

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex Con.		Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
			Year.	Month.		Day.	Sex.			
Feb. 2	Chester	Sarah A. Kelley	75		Utica, N. Y.		f		John Black	Sally Ranton
9	"	Harriet A. Hilds	60	1	Chester	18	f		Benjamin Hills	Mary J. Wilson
Mar. 24	"	Hannah P. Brown	78	7	Wolboro'gh	3	f	w	William Tibbets	Mary E. Whitthouse
Apr. 1	"	Hazael H. Beckford	54	2	Moultonbor'gh	28	m	w	Ephraim Beckford	Julia Sanborn
May	"	Matilda S. True	32	2	Danville	28	m	m	Joshua Philbrick	Sarah Tilton
16	"	Laura A. Currier	48		Chester		f	s	John Currier	Abigail Shackford
19	"	Caroline A. Nichols	38	3	"	3	f	m	Charles Chase	Amelia J. Underhill
June 15	"	Clarissa Currier	86	1	7 Elliott, Me	7	f	w	Stephen R. Spinney	Annie Renick
28	"	Jason Spofford	75	3	Chester	13	m	m	Benair Spofford	Molly Page
Aug. 30	"	Clarence E. Gifford	75	3	"	13	m	s	Edgar E. Gifford	Molly Page
Sept. 8	"	Ralph C. Plummer	70	5	"	9	m	w	Crawford H. Plummer	Lizzie M. Dearing
20	"	Addison Seavey	83	8	E. Boston, Mass	5	m	w	Thomas Seavey	Lydia
Oct. 26	"	Nathan Norton	83	5	Raymond	5	m	w	Job Griffin	Abigail Simpson
26	"	Caroline Norton	83	5	Chichester		f	w	David Anderson	Lydia Ayer
Nov. 26	"	Lydia Hazelton	90	5	Lebanon		f	m	Nathan Cross	Sally Graves
Dec. 4	"	Ruth Emery	64	9	2 Canada		f	s	Neah Weeks	Charlotte
6	"	Angeline Weeks	63	2	10		f	w	Jercho Sleeper	Martha Wells
16	"	Edmund Sleeper	81	10	17 Chester		m	s	Thomas J. Melvin	Harriet Tenney
20	Haverhill, Mass	Harriet A. Melvin	69	3	14		f			

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, Town Clerk.







